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TAGS: OEXC (D.STRICKLAND)

SUBJECT: 197S-76 U.S. PROFESSOR PROGRAM

REF: ALGIERS 627; ALGIERS 628; STATE 53975

1. STRICKLAND STOPPED BY OFFICE AND WAS ADVISED OF
NEGATIVE DECISION AND TERMS STATE REFTEL. STRICKLAND
INTENDS TO APPEAL DECISION WITH COPIES TO ALGIERS,
DEPARTMENT, SENATOR STEVENSON AND HIS CONGRESSMAN.
APPEAL WILL BE IN FORM OF LETTER SETTING FORTH HIS
CASE AS FOLLOWS: (A) HE WAS NOT BRIEFED WELL ON SPECIAL

CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO HIS ASSIGNMENT, E.G.
LACK OF INTEREST HIS SPECIALITY AT UNIVERSITY;
EXTENT ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT. (B) GRANT WAS AWARDED
ON BASIS OF SPECIALITY WHICH WAS NOT USED DUE POLITICAL
SITUATION. DESPITE FACT WAS NOT GRANT REQUIREMENT, HE
PREPARED FOR TWO COURSES OUTSIDE HIS SPECIALITY AND
ENDED UP WITH SEMINAR ON METHODOLOGY, AGAIN NOT HIS
SPECIALITY. DESPITE CONSIDERABLE WORK AND ENERGY
EXPENDED ON THIS COURSE, STUDENTS BEGAN BOYCOTT AND
HE WAS INFORMALLY TOLD THAT STUDENTS WOULD NOT ATTEND
COURSE IN SPRING SEMESTER. (C) STRICKLAND OFFERED
CONDUCT SPECIAL SEMINARS ON PART-TIME BASIS TO MEET
OBLIGATIONS OF GRANT BUT WAS INFORMED THIS NOT POSSIBLE,
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DESPITE BEING USED ONLY PART-TIME (SATURDAY MORNING

SEMINARS) UNDER PRESENT GRANT. (D) STRICKLAND ALSO CONSIDERING MAKING COMPLAINT ABOUT REQUEST "TO GATHER INTELLIGENCE AND REPORT BACK TO EMBASSY". SAYS THIS WAS "INVIDIOUS" AND HAMPERED HIS RELATIONS WITH FACULTY. (E) STRICKLAND SAYS HE WILL TAKE CASE TO COURT IF NECESSARY ON BASIS HIS CIVIL RIGHTS AND

ACADEMIC FREEDOM COMPROMISED. CONDITIONS OF HIS ASSIGNMENT WERE SUCH THAT HE COULD NOT TEACH; CONDITIONS OF LIFE SUCH THAT HE COULD NOT WRITE OR DO RESEARCH, THEREFORE LOST SEVERAL PRODUCTIVE MONTHS.

2. POST COMMENT: STRICKLAND DISPLAYED HIMSELF AS QUIET, SERIOUS AND COOPERATIVE SCHOLAR WHO WAS BADLY USED BY UNIVERSITY AND "THE BUREAUCRACY". HE WONDERED WHY DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY WOULD ASSIGN U.S. SOCIAL SCIENTIST TO SUCH DIFFICULT NON-PRODUCTIVE PLACE. EXPLAINED THAT DIFFICULT FOR "BUREAUCRACY" TO ANTICIPATE PROBLEMS HE ENCOUNTERED AND WE SOME-TIMES STAYED WITH DIFFICULT SITUATIONS IN HOPE OF FUTURE TURN FOR BETTER, THAT IF WE STIPULATED STRICT CONDITIONS OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES THEY MAY WITHDRAW FROM PROGRAM ENTIRELY. INDEED, THOUGHT IT LIKELY THAT "REQUEST FOR INTELLIGENCE" RELATED MORE TO NEED FOR INFORMATION NECESSARY TO MAKE EXCHANGE PROGRAM JUDGMENTS THAN TO WHICH FACTION DOING WHAT TO WHOM. HE TOOK EXCEPTION TO THIS, SAYING HE

HAD BEEN TOLD HE WAS "EYES AND EARS" OF EMBASSY AND THAT HE HAD MADE MISTAKE BY VISITING EMBASSY TOO OFTEN" .. BUT THERE WAS NO ONE ELSE TO TALK TO". STRICKLAND CLEARLY BURNED OUT ON ALGERIA AND WILL SEEK TO AVOID LIABILITY FOR EXPENSES.

3. SUBJECT OF UK ASSIGNMENT DID NOT ARISE DURING THIS DISCUSSION WITH CROGHAN, BUT STRICKLAND SAYS HERRINGTON OF USUKEC INDICATED IN FEBRUARY HE "PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE HELD LIABLE" FOR REFUND BECAUSE SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF GRANT TIME HAS BEEN USED. OFFERED NO COMMENT ON THIS BUT POINTED OUT LONDON HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOTHING TO DO WITH SITUATION EXCEPT CONVEY INFORMATION.

4. SENDING AIR POUCH TO ALGIERS STRICKLAND LETTERS TO CAO, AMBASSADOR AND ACAO; DIRECT MAIL STRICKLAND LETTER TO CHANNING.

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